



Whangarei Heads School Newsletter

Term 3 - Week 6 - Friday 2nd of September

Kia ora Whanau

Kia Mau te wehi! More amazing results from the children here at Whangarei Heads School.

Central Northland Science and Technology Fair Awards:

Congratulations to Molly, who won the Best in Year 7 Exhibit, and the Best Research Exhibit with her project on Micro-Plastics - A really small big problem. Tino pai rawe to Zoe who won Best Year 7 Technology Exhibit, making her own Surf Wax for her surfboard. What bright futures ahead for these two scientists!

Northland Inter-School Cross-Country:

A team of 20 students headed in to Barge Park to race against other northland schools. Have a read of the Cross Country Report on the next page.

It is wonderful to see our tamariki achieving across so many different curriculum areas.

We are building up to our **"SHOWCASE"** in 3 weeks time.

Classes are preparing dance, music or drama performances for you to enjoy. This will be slightly different from previous School Productions, with it being more of a variety performance. I look forward to seeing the outcome of all that creativity!

Thanks to the 25 families who have now completed the School Review Survey that was emailed out to you last week. Please make sure you check your inbox and have your say.

Nga mihi nui,
Kelly Mercer

Coming Events:

Week 6 - 29 Aug-2 Sept

2 Sept - Movie Night - Tonight!

Week 7 - 5-9 Sept

AIMS Games 2022 - Tauranga
Conservation Week

6 Sept - Korora Gymnastics

7 Sept - Karearea Field Trip #2.

8 Sept - Kotare Gymnastics

Week 8 - 12-16 Sept

12 Sept - Karearea Predator Free

14 Sept - Class Hockey Sessions

Week 9 - 19-23 Sept

20 Sept - Showcase Matinee

20 Sept - Board Meeting

21 Sept - Showcase Evening

22 Sept - Showcase Evening



Our Place to Grow and Learn together

Ko tatou kura, kia tipu, kia ako ngatahi

Cross Country

The Whangarei Heads School cross country event last week was a fantastic occasion. The rain shower just before the first event didn't put a dampner on things and the students enjoyed being back out on the field. Mud aside, it was great to see the determination and effort put in by all children and so good to have so many parents on site to support our runners. Congratulations to all runners.



Whangarei / Northland combined Cross Country Event

Our top runners represented us so proudly on Wednesday at Barge Park. The course was challenging and the intermittent rain showers added to the occasion. Thanks to the parents that helped out with transport. Look at these amazing results! Ka pai runners!

8YO & UNDER	9YO	10YO	11YO	12YO
Jiajia 33rd Nina 85th Gemma 40th Tim 14th Griff 50th	Poppy 17th Ella 74th Eli 15th Arlo I 13th	Penny 29th Jayde 12th Lachlan 49th Thomas 5th	Sophia 15th Moana 16th Isaac 13th Jordy 44th	Leroy 6th Tristan 9th



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The runners in action...



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Manaia View Technology

Every Friday Karearea leaves school at 8:30am and takes the bus into Manaia View School to utilise their amazing technology departments. At the moment students are in the Creative Design and Resistant Materials departments. They are learning how to solve problems using the design process, using different machinery and computer programmes. They have built bug houses, painted rocks, tie dyed, and built block bots, and it is only week 4!! They stay at each department for 6 weeks, before rotating. Next rotation, students will also be cooking. How lucky are they!!!!



SHOWCASE Matinee and Evenings

Students throughout the school have been practicing hard and working on their props for this years Showcase! Information on ticket prices and show times will be released next week. We look forward to welcoming whanau in to enjoy the show!



Showcase Matinee

September 20 - During School Hours

Showcase Evenings

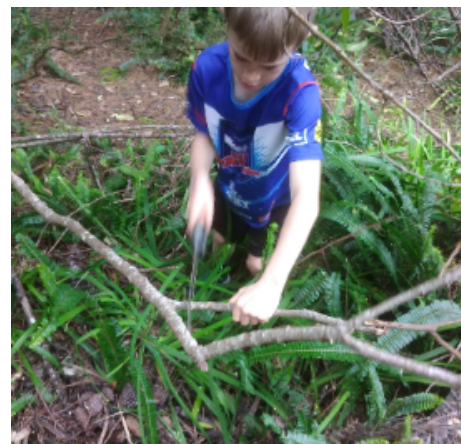
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Enviro News

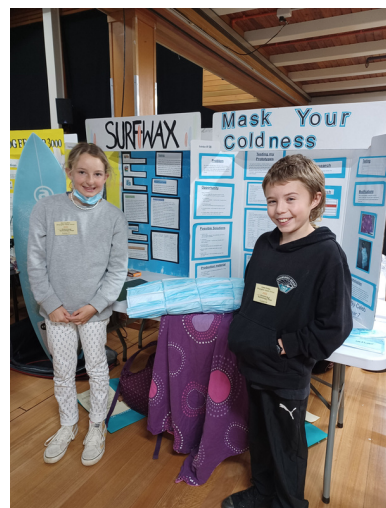
This year Enviro Group split so we can work on two projects at once! Mrs Hunter's group have been focussing on Fern Valley. We have had a planning session where we shared our dreams about what Fern Valley would look like. Then we discussed which of these dreams could be made into reality (some are still being investigated, like a pond)! We surveyed the school and it was decided that we should take a break from hut building in Fern Valley as lots of trees were getting broken, and new ones were not getting a chance to grow. Huts can now be built below the field or in the small triangle of bush by the gate. The group have done a clean up of the bush and fence line to remove rubbish and sports gear! We also learnt a bit about using tree saws and secateurs and we tidied up some branches that were snapped or broken. We have been working on some kitset insect houses to install in Fern Valley to add interest for those using the boardwalk. We have some more elements to this project to work on over the next term and a half so we will keep you updated.



Mr Higgison's group is focussing on the garden area outside the office / admin area, next to the court. The children noticed that the garden is bland, and not very attractive at all. They wanted to brighten the garden up, give life back to it, and hopefully attract creatures back. Two students, Poppy and Florrie, presented the group's idea to the BoT at their last meeting and received great feedback and the thumbs up to proceed. We are now at the point of approaching the wider community to see if there is an individual or group that can support with extending the brick wall to level the garden area. Please let us know if you can help!

Northland Science Fair

The Central Northland Science and Technology Fair Awards were held on Tuesday night at Forum North, and we have two students who did exceptionally well. Massive congratulations to Zoe who won Best Technology Exhibit (Year 7), and Molly who won Best Research Exhibit (Year 7) AND Best in Year Exhibit!!!! Well deserved awards! Well done Zoe and Molly.



Parents Group

Whangarei Heads School PTA



We will be holding another meeting in the staffroom on Friday, September 9, at 2PM to discuss a great option one parent has presented to get Friday Lunches restarted.

If you have put your name forward to help with Friday lunches we would love for you to come along if you can.



Leo, Yari, Penny,
Riley and Eris



Te Manawa Tahī Community Timetable



WHANGĀREI

All hubs are open from 9:00am until 12:00pm unless otherwise stated

Date	Hub Locations	Term 3 2022, Weeks 1 to 5
Wed 27 July	St John Ōtamatea Ambulance Hall, 172 Hurndall Street East, Maungaturoto	
Thurs 28 July	Te Rito, Cnr William Jones Drive & Rata Place, Otangarei	
Wed 3 August	Bream Bay Community Trust, 9 Takutai Place, Ruakākā	
Thurs 4 August	Raurimu Avenue School, 48 Raurimu Avenue, Onerahi	
	Clark Road Chapel, 4-6 Clark Road, Kamo	
Wed 10 August	Archie Bull Hall, 11 Kaiwaka – Mangawhai Road, Kaiwaka	
	Back 2 Basics Childcare, 179 Newton Road, Maungatapere	
Thurs 11 August	Onerahi Community House, 130 Onerahi Road, Onerahi	
	Tauraroa Area School, Omana Road, Maungakaramea	
Wed 17 August	Whānau Focus Centre, 61 Victoria Street, Dargaville	
	Te Horo School, 3239 Pipiwai Road, Pipiwai	
Thurs 18 August	Te Ora Hou, 104 Corks Road, Tikipunga	
Thurs 25 August	Ministry of Education, 24 Kaka Street, Morningside	

Drop into a hub or make an appointment by phoning **0800 524 842** or emailing **TT.Support@education.govt.nz**.